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SUBJECT: HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR SOVIET CTB/NON-PROFILARATION
WORKING GROUP DELEGATION

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1. MFA DISARMAMENT CHIEF, ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, PHONED EMBOFF
JUNE 1 TO INQUIRE FURTHER ABOUT "PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS"
MOROKHOV ASKED ABOUT MAY 27 (REFTEL). WHEN EMBOFF ASKED
WHAT "ARRANGEMENTS" TIMBERBAYEV SPECIFICALLY NEEDED TO KNOW
ABOUT, HE SAID, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS, U.S. DELEGATION
MEMBERS AND "HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS." TIMBERBAYEV RESPONDED
WITH EVIDENT EMBARRASSMENT WHEN EMBOFF ASKED IF SOVIET
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DID NOT NORMALLY ARRANGE HOTEL FOR
SOVIET DELEGATIONS. NORMALLY, YES, HE SAID, STUMBLINGLY,
BUT IN THIS CASE TIME WAS SHORT AND BESIDES HE AND MOROKOV
DID NOT KNOW THAT THE "PARTICULAR SITUATION" WAS IN
WASHINGTON. EMBOFF PROMISED TO INFORM WASHINGTON AND GET
REPLY TO HIM AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

2. COMMENT: MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAYEV'S REQUEST THAT
DEPARTMENT MAKE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IS MOST UNUSUAL
(UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR EXPERIENCE) SINCE SOVIET EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON ROUTINELY HANDLES "PRACTICAL ARRANGE-
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MENTS" FOR SOVIET DELEGATIONS. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC
CONNECTION WAS MADE WE BELIEVE
THAT MOROKHOV AND HIS DELEGATION
ARE LOOKING FOR RECIPROCITY FOR SOVIET PAYMENT OF
MOSCOW HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS OF U.S. NEGOTIATIONS TO
PNE 1974-1976 TALKS. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE SOVIET
WORKING GROUP DELEGATION LIST YET, WE FEEL SURE IT

CONTAINS MANY OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHO HOSTED THE
U.S. TEAM FOR THE PNE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN 1974, DESPITE
EMBASSY OBJECTIONS, THE U.S. DELEGA-
TION'S STAY IN MOSCOW DURING AT LEAST THE FIRST, AND
POSSIBLY MORE, OF THE PNE SESSIONS WAS AT SOVIET
EXPENSE. EVENTUALLY U.S. DEL MEMBERS BEGAN PAYING
THEIR OWN WAY AFTER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
TO DO SO. (OUR FILES ON PNE NEGOTIATIONS WERE
RETIRED AND RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT LATE LAST YEAR,
AND HENCE WE CANNOT CITE SPECIFICS.)

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AT LEAST RESERVE
A BLOCK OF ROOMS AT APPROPRIATE
HOTEL EVEN IF, AS WE ASSUME IS CASE, IT CANNOT FUND
SOVIET VISIT. IF IT CANNOT COVER COSTS, WE SHOULD
MAKE THIS CLEAR TO TIMERBAYEV WHEN WE INFORM HIM THAT
RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS
ASAP FOR RESPONSE TO EIMBERBAYEV. FOR OUR OWN BACK-
GROUND, ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT POR-
TION OF PNE DELEGATION EXPENSES IN MOSCOW WERE PAID
BY SOVIETS.
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